

17 sustainable development goals of JKPS Kunjwani

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JAMMU: JK Public School (JKPS), Kunjwani is a CBSE affiliated, child-centric, value-driven, co-educational, Senior Secondary school, which enjoys the privilege of being the FIRST CBSE school (direct affiliation) of Jammu. Stretched over a period of three decades, JKPS Kunjwani has emerged itself into a trendsetter; a model of excellence imparting 21st century holistic education to children on its rolls.

Shortly JKPS Kunjwani introduced 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to groom students in variety domains. Members of one of the Clubs, namely, Rajat Sharma Club of Jr. Journalists, interviewed the Principal Rajesh Rathore. Here are the excerpts of the meaningful transaction between the Jr. Journalists (JJ) and the Principal Rajesh Rathore (RR):

JJ: Sir, what inspired you to design 17 SDGs for JK Public School Kunjwani, which reminds us of 17 SDGs of United Nations?

RR: Actually 17 SDGs of the UN stands for the vision of UN at a glance. The impressive circle depicting 17 goals of the UN in the form of coloured sectors always inspired me. I started making list of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for my school and I fixed the number to 17. These 17 SDGs will help us design a blueprint for a sustainable grooming of our students for all the future needs. It will also act as a light-house to set the sail of our ship. We have a comprehensive plan to see its effective implementation in all the domains of school life.

JJ: How will you define the very first SDG, that is, Sound knowledge base?

RR: Knowledge is power in today's world of professionalism and excellence. Knowledge helps an individual understand the world. It gives an upper edge to every gatherer. It paves the way to evolve a well-reasoned perception. It gives us power to equip, energize and empower ourselves. Without knowledge, we can't think vertical, lateral, divergent, convergent, critically, creatively, and judiciously.

JJ: how do you interpret the second SDG, namely, Polished expression?

RR: every child may not be gifted with linguistic intelligence. Hence it's the moral duty of every Institution as well as teachers to empower every student in term of strong communication skills. Inculcation of written and verbal skills

are easier, only if one focusses on extensive reading and speaking. Every child must be very sound in English and Hindi both: whether it be written or verbal expression.

JJ: Scientific Quest sounds very interesting. Your take on it. (3rd SDG)

RR: Every natural phenomenon taking place in the universe has got a definite scientific reason behind it. We need to foster the spirit of inquiry and exploration in every child. No individual should be credulous and take anything on its face value unless examined properly and arrived at a conclusion. Scientific quest refers to a critical examination and creative solution. It keeps an individual away from the clutches of superstition.

JJ: How can you impact the 'Mathematical acumen' of students? (4th SDG)

RR: NCF 2005 converges on the idea: how to mathematize the thinking of students. Scoring good marks in Maths may not be the litmus test for an individual to exhibit mathematical acumen. JKPS focuses on empowering every child with the requisite tools for performing the basic operations, namely, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Dodge tables will be mastered by every child. Teachers are training students for learning mental Maths. Competitive exams calls for speed and accuracy in Maths. Hence the mantra at JKPS today is speed and accuracy to every child to evolve mathematical sharpness in them.

JJ: How are you equipping children for 'General Awareness'? (5th SDG)

RR: In today's world, every child must be a well-informed person. Learning of a few concepts from the languages, science, Maths, social science and computers will not be sufficed. One must broaden the ambit of one's learning. Current affairs, national, international affairs, sports news make an individual well groomed. Children must be trained for general awareness in a systematic manner. Knowledge is the sum total of myriads branches of learning.

JJ: How much importance will you attach to the acquisition of Computer Skills? (6th SDG)

RR: In today's hi-tech world, every child must be computer savvy. Mastery over the basic operations is expected from every child. One must develop proficiency in variety basic operations, namely, word, excel, PPT and various



coding languages. Acquisition of extraordinary skills in computers can be an added advantage and an asset to the organization.

JJ: How are you planning to make your students Environmental Sensitive? (7th SDG)

RR: The most gratifying experience is to make students aware and informed about their future role in strengthening the society and the nation. Matured reflections from students pertaining to environmental sensitivity fills me with pride and admiration. We wish every child to be a green warrior: They must plant some saplings from an early age. They are being groomed for the judicious use of water and electricity. They are being trained for carbon footprinting. JKPS has tied up with a national agency to emerge a green school, fulfilling all the points laid down.

JJ: How will you ensure Fitness & Stamina in every child? (8th SDG)

RR: it's truly stated, "catch them young". Children are a bundle of energy: They never feel tired and look forward earnestly every moment to go outdoors to unleash their physical energy. If they are imparted a befitting training as per their interest area, they can bring lau-

rels to the school. JKPS has taken a pledge to groom every child as an athlete and no child should look obese.

JJ: How can you enhance the Aesthetic Sensibility of a child? (9th SDG)*

RR: Every progressive and futuristic institution must instill the elements of aesthetic sensibility in children. Teachers must tap the potential of children in art & craft. They must impart systematic training to children during their formative stages with lot of appreciation. Praiseful training may activate some dormant skills in children. Colours, patterns, visualization & spatial intelligence need deft touches from an observant guru. Thus we can enhance the aesthetic sensibility of every child on the rolls.

JJ: What do you mean by Musical Appreciation in every child? (10th SDG)?

RR: Music is the elixir of life. It's therapeutic powers are phenomenal. At JKPS, every child is given a sound training for Raagas. We are imparting successful training to children in both the domains: whether it be vocal or instrumental. We give equal weightage to classical as well as western music. Let

every child develop an appreciation for music.

JJ: What is your strategy for equipping JKians with Life Skills? (11th SDG)

RR: School grooms students not merely for jobs but for the entire life. JKPS has integrated the components of life skills into its curriculum & adopted the culture in letter and spirit, as suggested by WHO. Each child is being equipped with the tools of self-awareness, effective communication skills, empathy, inter-personal skills, critical thinking, creative thinking, decision making, problem solving, coping with stress and emotions. We wish every JKian to take on the future challenges effectively and emerge a victor.

JJ: Financial Literacy is a buzzword these days. What is your vision for the school? (12th SDG)

RR: Money matters in today's materialistic world. Thus, it's the duty of every progressive institution to equip its students with the tools of financial literacy. It includes paying off debt, creating a budget, and understanding the difference between various financial instruments. Financial literacy has a material impact on families as they try to balance their budget, buy a home, fund their children's education, or ensure an income for retirement. Let every child be empowered to conquer the future financial hurdles of life.

JJ: The real success of an Institution lies in giving a Competitive Edge to its students. Kindly reflect on it. (13th SDG)

RR: Only a good performance in the Board exams can't be the motto of lead schools like JKPS. Students must be imparted a special training for the competitive exams. JKPS adopts an integrated approach to give competitive edge to its students. Teachers are developing Foundation courses for Maths & Science, matching with the modules of top coaching institutes. We are quite excited about this feature of our school, which makes us unique in Jammu.

JJ: Imparting 21st century Leadership Skills to students is sine qua non for every futuristic school. (14th SDG)

RR: The motto of JKPS Kunjwani is 'Grooming Future Leaders'. Students are empowered with the requisite leadership traits, like, knowledge, oratory, confidence, sense of initiative, courage, creativity, responsibility,

social contribution & global citizen-ship.

JJ: Inculcation of age-old Value System is a bare necessity to live a happy life. What is the JKPS advantage? (15th SDG)

RR: Redefining success, the greatest scientist of the 20th century Albert Einstein said, "Success in real sense is giving more to the society than receiving from it". We need GenNext to be groomed with honesty, sincerity, compassion, co-existence, respect for elders, poor & downtrodden. Let every child be a Charity ambassador of the school. In a nutshell, every JKian should an epitome of what a cultured person aspires to be!

JJ: Holistic grooming is not possible without exposing students to Community Services. Your reflection, please. (16th SDG)

RR: Community service is an integral part of JKPS. We are adopting a village and a few Govt schools, where-in JKians will leave their creative imprints and elevate the standards of grooming for their less fortunate brethrens. Students will also be visiting Orphanages, Blind school, Special schools, Old age homes, Slum areas etc to study the variety strata of the society so as to plan collectively their Community service programmes.

JJ: Inculcation of Patriotism in every child is the earnest need of the hour. How do you sensitize your students? (17th SDG)

RR: As Principal of the school, I'm the loudest, while singing the National Anthem, as it's not a ritual for me but my tribute to thousands of those martyrs, who laid their lives and made the supreme sacrifice for the nation. "Nation First" is one of the taglines at JKPS. Every JKian is committed to pay his/her Income Tax honestly & religiously ahead.

JJ: Thanks a lot sir for sparing your valuable time and for reflecting your vision and strategies behind these 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Your visionary leadership and administrative strategies will certainly put the JKPS Kunjwani on a new trajectory. Wishing you the best of luck!

RR: Umpteen thanks, my beloved students. You are the change agents. You are the future of this great nation. Groom yourselves well & make us feel proud. Good luck!

Sheena, Neemami win hearts as teams A2, A5 log victories in Jammu

Khushboo steals show as JKCA's B2, B1 teams script wins in Kashmir

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JAMMU/SRINAGAR: Khushboo Aftab was at her murderous best to guide JKCA B2 team to a big win over JKCA B3 in Kashmir province, while Sheena Saraf and Neemami Slathia displayed stellar grit and tenacity to notch up brilliant fifties and win hearts of cricket enthusiasts in Jammu, today.

A total of four matches were played on Monday with two in each province.

In Kashmir, the matches were played at Sher-e-Kashmir Stadium ground A and B, while in Jammu the matches were played at GGM Science College Hostel Ground Jammu and Country Cricket Stadium Gharota.

At Sher-e-Kashmir Stadium Ground-A, JKCA team B2 defeated B3 in any easy contest by a huge margin of 152 runs.

Winning the toss and batting first, B2 scored a mammoth total of 208 runs losing all their wickets in the



Participating teams posing alongwith officials at GGM Science College Hostel Ground in Jammu on Monday.

process. Khushboo was at her butchering best, scoring magnificent 82 runs, while Iqra and Iram contributed 21 runs to each. Hareem was the pick of the bowlers for B3 team, who took 4 wickets, while Shaheen bagged 2 wickets.

In reply, B3 was bundled out for a meagre total of 56 runs, thus lost the match by a big margin of 152 runs. Shaheena top scored with 21 runs. For JKCA B3, Raffia captured 4 wickets and Khushboo claimed 3 wickets each for B4 team.

At Sher-e-Kashmir Stadium

Ground-B, electing to bat, JKCA B1 scored a modest total of 125 runs. Afreen top scored with unbeaten 30 runs, while Nusrat Irshad contributed 20 runs to the total. For JKCA B5, Aabroo was the wrecker-in-chief, who captured 5 wickets, while Nusrat claimed 3 wickets.

In reply, team B5 was bundled out for a paltry total of 90 runs thus lost the match by 25 runs. Nidda Habeeb and Ulfat Jan contributed 24 runs each. For B2, Mahroofa took 5 wickets and Khushbo claimed 4 wickets.

At GGM Science College

Hostel Ground Jammu, JKCA eam A2 got the better of team A3 by 5 wickets.

Earlier, winning the toss and batting first, A3 scored 138 runs in 34.2 overs. Opening batter Sheena played a brilliant innings of 62 runs off 84 balls. For A2, Kritika bagged 3 wickets, while Mehak Slathia took 2 wickets.

In reply, team A2 chased the target by losing 5 wickets. Vanshika top scored with 44 runs off 81 balls. Tanu took 2 wickets for JKCA A3.

At Country Stadium Gharota, team A5 prevailed

over A2 by 15 runs. Batting first, A5 scored 188 runs. Neemami top scored with brilliant 65 runs. Divyanshi and Anu Sharma also contributed 27 and 23 runs respectively. From the bowling side, Riyanshu and Sheetal took 3 wickets each.

In reply, JKCA team A4 managed to score 147 runs to lose the match by 41 runs. Shanbhavi top scored with 25 runs. For team A5, Sania and Neemami took 3 wickets each. CAC Members Abdul Qayoom and Roopali Slathia alongwith Chief Senior Selector Surabhi Dadheechi and Selectors Pratibha, Payal, Madhu and Masrat supervised the matches in twin divisions.

The Organising Committee for Jammu province included Sandeep Singh Sunny, Vemmarsh Kaw, Mohit Puri and Surekha Devi, while the Organising Committee for Kashmir province included Zahoor Sofi, Manzoor Ahmed Lone, Huwaid Ronga and Tasaddiq Rashid.

BSF School makes clean sweep in Judo



Winner players posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: The young Judo team of BSF School, Paloura, here made a clean sweep in the two-day inter-school (boys and girls) district level competition in all three age groups of under-14, under-17 and under-19 held under the banner of Department of Youth Services and Sports

(DYSS).

The school team bagged five medals in under-14 girls category, including four gold and a silver while in under-17 category, school secured four gold medals in different weight categories. In under-19 girls section, the school judokas bagged two gold medals.

Similarly, in the boys section, two gold and one silver medal came in under-14 group while those under-17 boys won four gold medals. In under-19 group, the school team claimed two gold medals.

The BSF School judokas were trained by NIS qualified coach, Rameshwar Singh Jamwal.

J&K UT Boxing team leaves for Sub Jr National

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir UT boxing team left for participation in the Sub Junior National Boxing Championship for boys and girls being held at Bellary (Karnatka) from May 19 to 26, 2022.

The two teams of boys and girls sponsored by J&K Amateur Boxing Association and screened by J&K Sports Council consist of 12 boxers including Vishesh Singh (Jammu) Varinder Singh (Udhampur), Mudasar Ahmad (Poonch), Sourav Badyal (Ramban), Andeep Singh (Udhampur), Aditya Sharma (Jammu), Musab Ahmad (Rajouri), Krishna Kumar (Kathua) in boys section and Bareena (Srinagar), Sachi Balsootra (Jammu), Kajal Devi (Ramban), Tanvi Katoch (Udhampur) in girls section.

Naresh Kumar from Kathua, Avneet Kaur from Jammu and Tariq Ahmad from Srinagar will accompany the teams as officials.

Interactive session held on Models of Global Linkages at MIER College of Education

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JAMMU: An interactive session was organized by the Co-curricular Committee of MIER College on the theme 'Models of Global Linkages'. Dr Rekha Koul, Associate Professor, School of Education, Curtin University, Australia, was the Resource Person on the occasion.

Dr. Adit Gupta, Principal MIER College of Education chaired the session. Dr Mool Raj Sharma HoD PG Department, Dr. Rohinka Sharma HoD UG Department along with the faculty members and the students of both PG and UG Department of semester fourth attended the event.

Dr Adit Gupta introduced the resource person, Dr. Rekha Koul, as a researcher par excellence who has expertise in the field of Learning Environments, STEM and Curriculum Development. Interacting with the audience, Dr. Rekha emphasized on the importance of Global linkages in the field of education. She said that one of the

key components of connect- edness of higher education is student and staff mobility across regions or countries and highlighted the reasons for why students should decide to study abroad.

Dr. Koul accentuated that living abroad and blending with local culture increases both cognitive flexibility and integration of thought which are critical components of creativity.

She added that she would like to see more students from developed economies going to developing economies, which will broaden their horizon. Explaining different types of linkages, she talked about research linkages, dual degrees, mobility plan awareness like New Colombo Plan, scholarships for higher education, international degrees, joint HDRs etc.

It was an active interaction wherein students and faculty members settled their queries and doubts. Jyoti Sharma, student of B.Ed.Special Education, ably conducted the programme. Komal Sharma, Convener Co-Curricular Committee presented a vote of thanks.

Poonch Hockey Turf near completion



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POONCH: Part of the ongoing sports infrastructure development projects initiated by the Government of India, the work at the Hockey AstroTurf at border district of Poonch is near completion and may be handed over to the sports department in the middle of June.

The modern hockey play field, being laid at the grounds of Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Government Higher Secondary School,

opposite to the Sports Stadium, here, the project may lack some basic facilities of a turf and training facility as and when completed.

The on ground developments suggest that only turf is being laid with chain fencing as against the original plan of a complete hockey training facility of National level.

The project cost of the delayed project has been reduced from Rs 5.32 crore to Rs 4.85 crore without any justification.

It has been learnt through reliable sources that the stadium may not have the basic need of an AstroTurf, the round the clock water facility of a bore well.

Further, the changing rooms, public convenience and the administrative block as also the spectator gallery, which was part of the original project, seems missing.

The Poonch AstroTurf project, initiated by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) through construction wing of the J&K Sports Council (JKSC), being raised at the lands of Department of School Education.

However, it has been reliably learnt that the DYSS, failed in their attempts to convince the contractor, has now decided to dig the bore well and raise the water storage facility out of the Capex budget.

Haricans Club meets Aysan in Rajouri Volleyball final



A Volleyball match in progress.

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RAJOURI: Hosts Haricans Club shall take on Aysan Club in the final of the ongoing Open Volleyball Tournament at Middle School Bagnoti grounds under the banner of Volleyball Association of J&K (VAJK), here tomorrow.

Earlier, in the semifinals, Haricans Club defeated Lam Volleyball Club in straight sets of 25-18, 25-

21, 25-15 while Aysan Rajouri trounced Choudhary Club Rajouri in tough contest 3-2 (25-21, 22-25, 19-25, 25-23, 15-11).

The semifinals were witnessed by Incharge District Rajouri Volleyball Association, Mohd Tariq, who was Special Guest. Also present were Shubam Sharma Sarpanch Rajal, Sajjad Majeed, Mohd Saleem and Bharat Bhushan.